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Jon Lord/Tony Ashton

Ashton -Lord concerts fixed

TONY ASHTON and Jon Lord have assembled a big band to play two performances (6.00 and 8.30 p.m.) at the London Palladium on Sunday, September 15. The line-up, so far, is Tony Ashton and Jon Lord (keyboards), Ian Paice and Carmine Appice (drums), Dave Caswell and Mike Davis (trumpets), Howie Casey and Dick Parry (saxes), Frank Ricotti (vibes and percussion), John Mumford (trombone) and Pat Donaldson (bass).

Vocalists will be Ashton, Jimmy Helms, Madeline Bell, Jo-Ann Williams and Capability Brown. Two "well-known" guitarists are also being signed for the gig and though no definite names were available to NME at press-time, it's known that Jeff Beck was among those being asked.

The show, which is a promotional one in connection with Ashton-Lord's "First Of The Big Bands" Purple album, will be compered by "Who Do You Do?" comedians Dailey and Wayne.